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SUBJECT: FRG-SOVIET EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES:

GERMAN ASSURANCES RE PRAS AND TRAS

REF: A) STATE 148628; B) BONN 10206; C) CINCUSAREUR

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1. EMBOFF RAISED MATTER OF FRG'S EXCLUDING PROSPECTIVE SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHES FROM ALLIED PRAS AND TRAS WITH UK AND FRENCH REPS ON JULY 30. BOTH ALLIES AGREED WITH US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN REFTELS. ALL ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT AN APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO FRG SIDE TO ENSURE THAT WEST GERMANS WOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF ALLIED POSITION IN FURTHER TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON DETAILS OF MILITARY ATTACHE EXCHANGE. US REP UNDERTOOK TO MAKE APPROACH TO FRG.

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2. ON AUGUST 1 AND 2, EMBOFF PRESENTED ALLIED VIEWS TO FRG FONOFF REPS WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED IN WORKING OUT FRG POSITION ON DETAILS OF ATTACHES' ACTIVITIES. FRG FONOFF REP IN CHARGE OF SOVIET SECTION ASSURED EMBOFF THAT FRG WOULD NOT PERMIT SOVIET ATTACHES ACCESS TO EITHER PRAS OR TRAS, COMMENTING THAT TO ALLOW THEM SUCH ACCESS WOULD BE "GROTESQUE" IN VIEW OF MUTUAL FRG-ALLIED SECURITY INTERESTS INVOLVED.

3. IN EMBOFF'S PRESENCE, FONOFF'S SOVIET SECTION CHIEF CALLED FONOFF NATO DESK AND SAID THAT US EMBASSY HAD PRESENTED AN ISSUE ON WHICH HE WAS SURE THE FRG SIDE WOULD HAVE A CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS POSITION, I.E. IN FULL SUPPORT OF ALLIED VIEWS. HE WAS ASSURED BY NATO DESK THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. SOVIET SECTION CHIEF UNDERTOOK TO CLEAR THIS POSITION FORMALLY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT SAID PERSONALLY THAT HE FORESAW NO DIFFICULTIES IN HAVING IT MADE CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT THEIR ATTACHES WOULD HAVE NO RIGHT TO TRAVEL IN ALLIED PRAS AND TRAS.

4. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED PARTIES WERE INFORMED OF OUR VIEWS, EMBOFF CALLED ON APPROPRIATE FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL TO EXPLAIN ALLIED POSITION. DEFMIN REP GAVE US ASSURANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF FONOFF REPS.

5. COMMENT: WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH FRG OFFICIALS AFTER CERTAIN TIME TO ASCERTAIN THAT ALLIED VIEWS ARE IN FACT INCORPORATED INTO FRG POSITION WORKED OUT FOR DETAILED TALKS WITH USSR ON MILITARY ATTACHES' ACTIVITIES.
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